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MS PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a  continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/831,740 filed on May 14, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference,  
by

OOAE, Kouji; FUKAO, Ryuzo; YAMASHITA, Yuji

for

LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE AND LIQUID CRYSTAL PRODUCTION  
METHOD

1.  Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2.  The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

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		LARGE ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY	
BASIC FEE		\$750.00		\$375.00	
NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	17-20 =	0	x 84	= \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b>	1-3 =	0	x 84	= \$0.00	x 42 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED				+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

3.  A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.

4.  Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a.  --This application is a  continuation  divisional  continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/831,740, filed on May 14, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

b.  --This application is a  continuation  divisional  continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/831,740, filed on May 14, 2001 and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/831,740 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/06610 filed on November 26, 1999 under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. 10-336922; 10-360396 and 11-031339 filed in Japan on November 27, 1998; December 18, 1998 and February 9, 1999 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

6.  Enclosed is/are fourteen (14) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.

7a.  A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/831,740 on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.

7b.  The current application qualifies for small entity status.

8.  The prior application is assigned to Hitachi Maxell, Ltd.

9.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

10a.  Priority of Application No(s). \_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on \_\_\_\_\_.

10b.  Priority of International Appln. PCT/JP99/06610 filed on November 26, 1999 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Japanese Application Nos. 10-336922; 10-360396 and 11-031339 filed in Japan on November 27, 1998; December 18, 1998 and February 9, 1999, respectively, under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

11.  An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

12.  Address all future communications to:  
  
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13.  An extension of time for two (2) month(s) until July 27, 2003 has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/831,740 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

14.  Also enclosed herewith is the following:

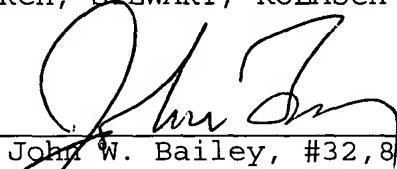
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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